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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] Chief of Building Planning Staff  
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation 13 March 1956

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1. In order to avoid burdening Colonel White with unnecessary details, I will, unless otherwise instructed, make my recommendations directly to [ ] who will incorporate them in his weekly report to Colonel White. I will be placed on the distribution for the weekly report. I do not view myself as having any independent authority with relation to the building and will act only on instructions of Colonel White, Mr. Houston or [ ]

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2. In the near future we will contact the National Capital Planning Commission in order to determine what steps they have taken or contemplate with respect to acquisition of right-of-way for the Parkway. We will also attempt to determine whether their approval is required in transferring property from the Bureau of Public Roads or the National Park Service to this Agency.

3. We will, in the near future, contact Carleton Massey, County Executive of Fairfax County, in order to determine what actions on our part may be necessary in making provisions for sewage facilities of the building. We will also ask him if provision has been made for the widening of a portion of Route 123 in the County's annual budget recommendation to the State; if provision has not been made, we will ask him to include it.

4. I will immediately contact the Public Buildings Service and such other agencies as may be necessary in order to determine what authority exists for the establishment of commercial concessions in the new building.

5. When Colonel White is ready to proceed, we will contact the Bureau of Public Roads and the National Park Service and the departments to which they are subordinate (Commerce and Interior, respectively), the General Services Administration and the Department of Justice, if necessary, in order to make final arrangements for the transfer of the property to this Agency.

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6. Subsequent to the transfer of property to this Agency, and subject to Colonel White's approval, we will approach the Governor of Virginia personally or by letter to obtain concurrent jurisdiction of the property, consulting with the Department of Justice as may be necessary. Settlement of the jurisdictional question is a necessary precedent to a final decision on commercial concessions and the question of whether we will operate our own guard force in the new building.

7. Subsequent to contacting the NCPC, if necessary, and subject to Colonel White's approval, we will contact the State Highway Department to determine what provisions they have made for the State's contribution to the cost of securing right-of-way for the Parkway. We will also inquire as to provisions for the widening of a portion of Route 123.

8. The only immediate action I will be taking is with reference to commercial concessions. Mr. Chandler will notify me when appointments are made with Mr. Nolen of the NCPC and with Mr. Massey. I will be advised of subsequent actions as they become necessary.

9. During the discussion, I reviewed the proposed contract with Clarke and [ ] With certain minor changes, I concurred in it as being in proper legal form.

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Assistant General Counsel

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